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TODAY'S WEATHER: Moderate or fresh East winds gusting at times. Cloudy with occasional rain.
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Separate State For Karens Probable

London, Apr. 6.—Authoritative Burmese sources said today's reports from Rangoon indicated that the Prime Minister, Thakin Nu, was prepared to concede a separate state to the formerly rebel Karens.

The sources said such a new Karen state would probably include all areas where Karens formed the majority of the population. Reports indicated that Thakin Nu had extended an amnesty to all Karen rebels in Insein and other parts of Burma.

Burmese quarters said such a concession would be a "reasonable basis for settlement." They pointed out the Karens were the minority among the population and acceptance of the principle of a separate Karen state might be the prelude to settlement with other non-Burmese races such as the Kachins, Chins and Shans, who had contributed to the drift towards disorder throughout the country.

"VERY CONSERVATIVE"

One informed source here said the Karens were "very conservative and anti-Communist" and their promise of co-operation would greatly strengthen the Burmese government's fight with Communist elements.

"A rift between the Karens and the Burmese would have made orderly rule impossible," added the source, "but with settlement, the Kachins, Chins and Shans should now rally to the Burma Union and make the federal constitution a solid barrier against Communism."

Burmese quarters said the fight now would be against the White Band and Red Band factions of the People's Volunteer Organisation, who still hold much of the Krawaddy Valley as chief opponents of the government. Burmese sources would not speculate as to the ultimate outcome in Burma, but it was understood they envisaged eventual settlement with PVO factions through the widening of the "all-Left front" in the government, with the Karens administering their own affairs in a separate, autonomous state.—United Press.

Austerity Plus



Here is a typical study of Sir Stafford Cripps, who yesterday introduced an "austerity plus" budget to the nation.

Japan's Four Billion War Damage Loss

Tokyo, Apr. 6.—Japan lost \$4,244,000,000 worth of civilian property, which was one-fourth of the total national wealth, during the war, according to estimates made public today by the Economic Stabilisation Board which has just completed a two-year survey of war damage.

The estimates were based on official prices of commodities prevailing at the end of 1948, and officials said it would cost a great deal more if the lost properties were to be replaced at current prices.

In addition, Japan lost \$2,000,000,000 in war vessels and aircraft, and about the same amount in battle weapons, as well as 1,855,000 human lives.

The biggest item in civilian war damage was for destroyed or damaged buildings, which numbered 2,301,000 including 695,000 in the Tokyo area alone.—United Press.

BRITISH BUDGET SHOCKS

Meat, Cheese, Butter To Cost More

NO TAXATION RELIEF

London, Apr. 6.—In his Budget speech in the House of Commons tonight, Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced a reduction of the duty on tea by 6d. all round and on sugar by 1½d. all round. The price to manufacturers and the public would remain unaltered.

Food prices would be raised: cheese 4d. a pound; meat 4d. a pound; margarine 1d. a pound; butter 2d. per pound. These increases would be arranged with the Food Minister at an early date.

There would be appropriate reductions in the duties of molasses and glucose.

The result of reducing the duty on tea by 6d. a pound and on sugar by 1½d. a pound would be to reduce the subsidy required to maintain existing prices by £11 million for tea and £22 million for sugar. The changes in the price of meat, margarine and butter, together with the change in the import duties for tea and sugar meant that the subsidies should not exceed £465 million in the current year.

The duty on light table wines would be reduced 2/- a bottle and 12/- a gallon.

The tax on football pools would be raised from 20 to 30 percent from next Saturday.

Sir Stafford said he could see no room for any substantial alteration of taxation in a downward direction.

Matches would cost another ½d. a box.

Beer would be reduced by 1d. a pint. The duty would be reduced by 21/- a bulk barrel of 30 gallons.

A telephone surcharge of 15 percent on subscribers' local call fees would be increased to 50 percent.

NO CONCESSION

Sir Stafford disappointed all those who hoped for a concession on purchase tax—30 percent to 25 percent of whole-sale prices levied on many articles in the semi-luxury class, "no change," he said.

He dismissed expectations of income tax reductions by the brief statement that he could see no room for any substantial down-grading of taxation.

The Chancellor announced no change in tobacco tax, but said, "We are working on the basis of a four percent increase of consumption for which the necessary supplies of tobacco will be made available."

He announced the repeal of legacy and succession duties, but said that the Exchequer would be compensated by a moderate "lift" in the scale of estate duties.

Sir Stafford exempted unemployment, sickness and maternity benefits under the new National Insurance scheme from income tax.

He also reduced income tax on National Health contributions from 47½d to 3s.

DEFICIT REDUCED

Britain had improved her gold and dollar situation greatly since 1947 when the deficit was £1,024 million, Sir Stafford told the House.

At the end of the first year of the European Recovery Programme, the dollar deficit was £358,000,000.

In broad terms Britain had succeeded in her policy of restricting dollar expenditure to what could be covered by dollar earnings.

"We intend to continue with that policy for the rest of the ERP period," he added.

"The eventual solution of the dollar problem can be found only in firm and resolute action on our part and consisting of an enlightened policy of importation into the countries of the Western hemisphere."

Expenditure this year on defence was up by £87,000,000, and there could not be any marked reduction.

"We have to face the facts that as long as the defence, and social services are maintained, whatever Government is in power, a very high rate of taxation will continue to be necessary," Sir Stafford said.

IMMEDIATE EFFECT

He indicated that the reduction in beer and wine duties and the increase in the duty on matches would take effect immediately.

He gave no date for the operation of the lower tea and sugar duties. Food price increases would be introduced at an "early date" in consultation with the Food Minister.

Sir Stafford preceded his taxation announcements with an economic survey.

Speaking about the stabilisation of prices and wages, he said that retail prices had risen only one point and wages three points during the last year.

"These results, placed against a background of full employment and moderate de-rationing, are highly satisfactory and certainly denote that the heavy pressure of inflation has been easing off," he said.

The total of the national debt outstanding at March 31, 1949, was £26,108 million, a fall of £453,000,000 since March 31, 1948.

The debt had never before been redeemed on anything like such a scale, he said.

Britain had achieved a balance between national income and national expenditure on current consumption and investment and the resulting situation was "far healthier than it was 12 months ago."

"Our task this year will be to maintain that good health," Sir Stafford added.

"QUITE IMPOSSIBLE"

Neither revenue nor expenditure had turned out according to plan—far from it.

Expenditure had exceeded the original estimate by £200,000,000, but total revenue at £4,007

million was £242,000,000 more than estimated.

It was quite impossible to reduce expenditure and therefore taxation, so long as defence and social services were run on the present scale.

"On the whole it seems that we should follow the same general policy as last year for our budget though not with so sharp an accent on the urgent need to check inflation," Sir Stafford said.

There was not much further immediate possibility of the redistribution of national income by way of taxation in Britain, he declared.

The Chancellor concluded with a warning that Britain must not jeopardise long-term hopes of prosperity by a too hasty desire to anticipate benefits already accomplished.—Reuter.

New Elections For Hungary?

Budapest, Apr. 6.—The Government today announced that the Communist-dominated Hungarian People's Front had asked the President and the Government to dissolve Parliament and hold new elections.

Informal sources said the move was necessary because of recent changes in Parliament as a result of purges in the ranks of the Smallholders Party. Parliament would be dissolved next week and new elections held on May 15.

The Government statement cast light on the situation. It said merely, "The leadership of the Hungarian People's Front has asked the Government and the President of the Republic to dissolve Parliament and call new elections."—United Press.

British Consul Transferred

London, Apr. 6.—The British Government has, at the request of the Spanish Government, transferred Mr. Thomas Bates from the British Consulate at Las Palmas, in the Canary Islands.

Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, told the House of Commons today that the Government did not admit the Spanish allegations that Mr. Bates had indulged in hostile activities were justified, but it did not seem that Mr. Bates would now on be able to carry out his duties satisfactorily in a Spanish post.

He had been withdrawn under protest, and another British official sent to the post.—Reuter.

DUEL ALIBI

Montevideo, Apr. 6.—The Defence Minister, Francisco Froiz, and Representative Antonio Amoroso fought a pistol duel today as a result of an exchange of insults in a Congressional debate last week.

The men exchanged two shots, both of which missed, and their seconds declared that the honour of the adversaries was vindicated.—United Press.

Most Courageous Budget Ever Produced

London, Apr. 6.—While fifty million Britons were a little stunned tonight by the "puritan" budget of Sir Stafford Cripps, thoughtful economists hailed it as one of the most courageous ever produced by the Finance Minister of any country.

Few people expected any concessions, but most had been optimistic that the Chancellor would lighten the taxpayers' burden a little by reducing sales tax and perhaps taking a little off the price of cigarettes. The news that meat, cheese, butter and other foodstuffs would be raised produced long faces, especially among women.

The few concessions actually made brought little enthusiasm. Beer drinkers—slow drinking less, to the dismay of the brewers—felt that only one penny off each pint of beer would make little difference to their pockets. Telephone users were particularly sour in their complaints about the increased bills now facing them. Many were heard threatening to ask the Post Office to remove their instruments.

Evening newspapers splashed such headlines as "Shopping Bill Goes Up" and "Beer Down—Food Up" across their front pages.—Reuter.

WE ARE SURE HE IS WRONG, BUT NOSTRADAMUS PROPHECIES—

War Will Break Out On Sunday

Frankfurt, Apr. 6.—According to one interpretation of the writings of a 16th Century French prognosticator, war will break out on Sunday and last four months, ending in victory for the West.

The German astrologist, Johannes Lang, who is a disciple of Nostradamus, said the predictions call for an outbreak in Greece. Nostradamus writings, generally vague and oblique to casual readers, contain infallible predictions when properly interpreted, according to his modern disciples.

Lang, who has devoted much of his life to interpreting the work of Nostradamus, said that Nostradamus also forecast the failure of the Atlantic pact but offered a comforting prediction that the world would "be renewed after this war and a complete new era will begin."

Lang said the verse-like notes of the Lyon physician who published his predictions under the title "Centuries" said that fighting which begins in Greece,

will grow into a full scale conflict by April 17th or 21st.

The prophet described the third world war, like this, according to Lang: It starts in Greece on April 10th, 1949. A week or 10 days later a "great dictator" will attack Western Germany and push his troops through Holland, Belgium and Northern France to the Atlantic. Another column will head for the Pyrenees.—United Press.

And If It Should—

London, Apr. 6.—The five Brussels allies begin talks tomorrow (Thursday) to dovetail their arms and defence strategy into the 12 nation Atlantic Pact.

Chiefs of Staff of the Brussels powers have already laid it down that if war comes to Europe, they will jointly defend a front running from the Dutch sea coast to the Swiss Alps.

That line is certain to be extended now from where Norway touches Russia in North Europe to Italy's Southernmost tip.

The sources said the talks will take place at The Hague and apart from the British, French, Belgian, Dutch and Luxembourg Defence Ministers each country's three Chiefs of Staff are expected to attend.

Responsible diplomats said they will consider the shape they think the Atlantic Pact defence organisation should take.

This organisation is to be created by the Foreign Ministers of the 12 signatory nations after the Pact has been ratified.

5-TIER ORGANISATION

Expectation in London is that the Brussels powers will recommend that the Atlantic Defence Organisation should correspond with their own five-tier organisation which comprises:

1.—A Committee of Defence Ministers which lays down policy and approves recommendations, all on a basis of unanimous voting.

2.—A Chiefs of Staff Committee which is responsible for strategic and operational planning.

3.—A Supply and Resources Board which studies availability of arms, equipment, raw materials, production and arms standardisation.

4.—A permanent Military Committee which goes into the state of each country's armaments, its manpower resources,

how co-ordination can be stepped up and efficiency improved.

5.—A series of service and interservice technical and staff committees with headquarters at Fontainebleau, near Paris, which translates overall defence policy and strategy into action. They are held 10 days later a "great dictator" will attack Western Germany and push his troops through Holland, Belgium and Northern France to the Atlantic. Another column will head for the Pyrenees.—United Press.

The Secretary General of the Brussels Treaty Commission, E. Star Busman, was scheduled to leave last night for The Hague to attend the Defence Ministers' talks.—Associated Press.

18-Month-Old Boy Wears Artificial Limb

Birmingham, Apr. 6.—The Ministry of Pensions recently fitted an artificial leg to an 18 months' boy—the youngest in medical history to be fitted—Mr. C. J. Simmons, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Pensions, disclosed when visiting pensions establishments in the Midlands today.

He said that he could not disclose the name of the boy, who lost his leg in a road accident.

Mr. Simmons also said that of 1,500 cars to be provided by the Ministry for special amputation cases during the next two years, 163 had already been delivered.

He stated that in dealing with 700,000 war pensioners the Ministry was concentrating on the rehabilitation and treatment of pensioners as human beings.

Typical of this work was the case of a 28-year-old Birmingham man, who, after losing both arms and receiving eye and ear injuries, had been fitted with artificial limbs and

Commos Want KMT Armies To Surrender

Nanking, Apr. 7.—The Peiping Communist Radio heard here last night demanded the "complete surrender" of the Kuomintang armies as a prerequisite to the achievement of peace.

The only outlet for news about the negotiations, now under way in Peiping for the cessation of the Chinese civil war, the Radio, in a broadcast which was apparently in continuation of its war of nerves, said: "In the past we have demanded a peace settlement on Mr. Mao Tse-tung's terms. The Kuomintang have rejected it. Now we allow the Kuomintang to talk peace on the eight terms and they want an honourable settlement on equal terms."

"There is only one way to peace and that is complete surrender to the people."

The Radio dismissed the possibility of a compromise. "At this point it declared, 'there is no room for compromise.'"

A LAST CHANCE

On the question of surrender—which some quarters believe is now being demanded in Peiping—the Radio had this to say: "Surrender is beneficial to the people and the country." It then went on to declare: "We are giving you a last chance to render meritorious services to redeem your guilt."

Addressing itself to Kuomintang members, the Radio, explaining the term "meritorious services," said it describes "some act that benefits the liberation of the people."

This broadcast, made on the eve of a week since the departure of the Nationalist delegation to Peiping to discuss peace, came as a surprise to sources close to Acting President Li Tsung-shan, confirmed to Reuters that the Reds in Peiping had agreed to a cease-fire during the present discussions. A thorough check by Reuters failed to find the highest official source in the Chinese Government who was quoted by one report as denying that any understanding on a cease-fire had been obtained.—Reuter.

NANKING RUMOUR

Nanking 6.—Rumours persist here that the Communists have delivered an ultimatum to the Government to establish a joint committee in Nanking before Saturday to take over the Nationalist government or the Communists will cross the River within 10 days.

These rumours came too late tonight for checking with responsible official sources for comment. Unofficial, qualified quarters, however, believe that it is most unlikely.

The rumours said that the Communists suggested that Mao Tse-tung be the chairman and Li Tsung-shan the vice-chairman, and it was also alleged that government officials informed foreign diplomatic corps of the Communist ultimatum.—United Press.

so trained that he could now perform a normal day's clerical work and look after himself with little help.—Reuter.

Campaign Against Potato Pest

London, Apr. 6.—A campaign in Western Europe against the Colorado beetle, the great-eat pest to potato crops, has started, it was announced here today.

Dr. E. Wilkins, Chairman of the International Committee for combating the insect, said at the Ministry of Agriculture that the campaign would particularly affect France, Germany and the Low Countries.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Reds' Pattern For Peace

THAT the China peace negotiations should become deadlocked before they have properly started is an unhappy omen: but if, as some reports contend, the reason for the breakdown is the Communists' reactions to the recent clash between students and soldiers in Nanking, the pretext is so flimsy as to cast grave suspicions on the good faith of Mao Tse-tung and his delegates. The Reds have issued a surrender ultimatum to the Nationalist Government, surely a most incongruous approach to round table peace talks, but nevertheless supporting a fairly widely-held view that the Communists have never seriously intended to conduct normal peace negotiations. Mao's conception of a peaceful settlement apparently is the pattern laid down in the surrender of Peiping—unconditional capitulation cloaked by cleverly staged "peace negotiations," public repentance of his misdeeds in ever associating with the Nationalists by General Fu Tso-yi, dispersal and absorption into the Communist armies of Nationalist troops, and Red occupation and control of key cities. Fu Tso-yi capitulated in the North under these conditions and Mao has since held his actions up to the Nanking leaders as the criterion for "successful" peace negotiations, and there are certain significant signs which suggest that the Communists intend to adopt the same technique in dealing with the Nanking regime. Moreover, it may succeed. It is fairly certain that if the Communists so desire they can overrun the Yangtze and invest Nanking, Shanghai and

Hankow. Their military power has been brilliantly exploited in the north and there is nothing to suggest they can be prevented from scoring decisive victories further south. There still remains, however, the political implications. Further military defeats may force the Nationalists into subjection, but the Communists' achievement would be a hollow one if they are unprepared to take over the full responsibilities of government. There are brains and ability within the Nationalist ranks which could help to make the administrative tasks of the Communists much easier, but it is doubtful whether these would be available under duress. Mao Tse-tung has many trumps stacked in his hand, but not all of them, and the hand now calls for shrewd playing, not obvious bluff. Eventual domination by the Reds of a national Cabinet is generally accepted as inevitable, but if this be the product of a tout de force it may suffer both in prestige and effectiveness. The Nationalists have shown they are prepared to meet any reasonable conditions which will not only bring peace to the country, but offer a chance of national economic recovery. But they are likely to resist humiliating surrender terms, which must have one result—spreading of the war to the Yangtze cities and the continued dislocation of the country's economy. Mao Tse-tung today has the opportunity of scoring a political victory as decisive as any he has gained in the field, but not by threats of further military action and the presentation of surrender ultimatums.

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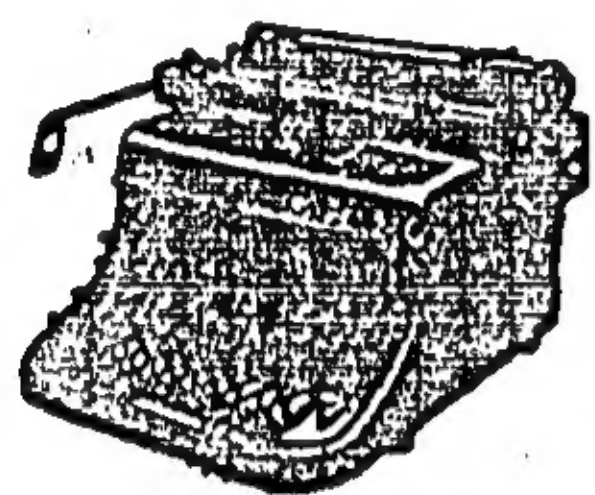
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Two British officers, thinking of a way to escape from the notorious Stalag-Luft III, hit on the classical brainwave of the Trojan horse. Adapting the idea, they built a vaulting-horse, which the prisoners carried out each day in full view of the guards. As the prisoners lined up to practise vaulting, inside the horse a man crouched hopefully to dig a 100 ft. long road to freedom.

Eric Williams was awarded the M.C. for his exploit. His story of the bold plan, with its difficulties and the constant fear of discovery; and, after escape, the harrowing adventures encountered in trying to get out of Germany, is the top best-seller of the season.

The Hongkong Telegraph has acquired the rights to publish the story in serial form.

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WOMANSENSE

EILEEN ASCROFT reports on the new ideas in spring frocks

HOLIDAY TROUSSEAUX—IN FIVE PARTS

London.
EARLY spring sunshine has sent women to the shops in search of cotton frocks. They are finding the best styles that have ever been made in cotton.

New ideas for town and holiday frocks include holiday trousseaux in five parts with skirt, shorts, blouses, bra and jacket, two-faced dresses which can be worn back to front, poplin skirts waisted basom-high to wear with plique bra, or off-the-shoulder blouses in Broderie Anglaise, and cotton jersey "Separates," consisting of skirt, blouse and stole.

Designs include lace patterns, cowbeaked in white and pastel on dark backgrounds, pastel grounds over which ramble roses, cornflowers and lilies of the valley, and autumn leaf prints.

British cottons this year promise to be big dollar earners. When these models appeared in Stockholm shops the entire stock was sold within two days and Princess Sibylla herself bought five different frocks.

Waterproof crepe

MY Paris fashion correspondent tells me that French designer Gilbert Orcel is using waterproofed crepe-de-chine to make rainy-day hats—an idea British women would welcome.

In three bright colours—sunshine, emerald and russet—they have cloche crowns fitting well down on the back of the head and rolled-back brims. Hats are trimmed with wet-weather motifs, such as green frogs, fishes and yellow snails.

Another wet-weather idea comes from Jeanne Lafaurie,



NEW HAT No. 1
Stitched satin model in burnt-sugar colour.



NEW HAT No. 2
Giant coque straw in Parma violet with satin drapes.

who is showing "dragonfly" raincoats, made of muslin-line waterproofed organza with an iridescent sheen.

Housewife's hands

HOUSEWORK may be as noble an occupation as men keep on saying it is but there is no doubt that it is cruelly hard on the hands.

Now an establishment has been opened which sets out to deal specifically with Housewife's Hands. It has worked out a form of treatment for paronychia—the learned name for that familiar affliction when the cuticle swells and becomes inflamed and the nail becomes pitted.

Paronychia, it seems, can now be cured. I am glad to hear it.

Frozen meals—all ready

HOUSEWIVES who like frozen fruits and vegetables can buy a three-course meal ready to cook. It is called the Priority Pack, contains vegetables, or making soup, half a boiling fowl with parsley for sauce,

Star Tells How To Have That Come-hither Gait

By PATRICIA CLARY

GIRLS who amble down the street with a come-hither gait mostly aren't born that way. They practise an hour a day with five books on their heads.

The thing started with Florenz Ziegfeld, who always contended that the most provocative thing about a woman was her walk.

Consequently, the Ziegfeld Follies girls spent weeks before a show opened learning the most titillating way of putting one foot before another, and beautiful girls have done the same ever since.

Paulette Goddard started the routine when the maestro signed her at 14.

"We new girls started walking with one book on her head," she said. "They added another a week later. As we developed poise, balance and strut, we learned to carry five volumes at once."

Now that Miss Goddard is a heavily-diamonded movie star, she has tossed off the books. But she still practises her walk. It took her 10 days to perfect the one she uses as the tempestuous heroine of "Anna Lucasta" at Columbia.

Done With Mirrors

"I wanted her walk to look wayward," Miss Goddard said. "Something feline and dangerous. I felt that all her recklessness towards life must be summed up in the way she carries herself."

Before three full-length mirrors in her bedroom, Miss Goddard tried out walks for a couple of hours each day. First she tried slow speculative steps. Then she tried a long stride, paced with deliberation. Next a snug, languid gait.

"At the end of 10 days I had the walk I wanted," she said.



COTTON FROCK: It has received top orders at home and abroad.

New spring shades sponsored by British Colour Council are taken from land, sea and sky, include flame poppy, nebular grey and sea foam... nylon gloves take only 15 minutes to dry, can be worn in the morning, washed at lunchtime and worn again in the afternoon... mutton chop sleeves were introduced on a print day dress by Rosalind Gilbert.

Wedge-heeled wedding shoes in white satin hand-stitched with silver for £5... uncrushable suits in pastel double-twisted rayon for travelling by Malita... charming pastel worsted suits with either straight or loose pleated skirts.

Talking of vegetables

SHOPPING recently in an open Paris market I was delighted by the attractive display of freshly scrubbed carrots, potatoes and other vegetables.

There is a lesson here for lazy British greengrocers who all too often serve you several ounces of soil when you buy vegetables. Greengrocers tend to blame the producer who sends his produce to market uncleaned.

Another shopping item which most mothers and wives would welcome is the practice of attaching a small mending skein of matching wool to knitted garments. A child's pullover in mauve and purple, had a neat skein of each wool attached to the neck—a great help for mending, especially when colours are difficult to match.

TOY MAKERS' PLAN TO GET THE DOLLARS

MANUFACTURERS, who received orders for exports worth several hundred thousand pounds at the Toy Fair at Birmingham, are planning to hold another fair at the end of August.

And a new drive is to be made to sell British toys on the other side of the Atlantic.

"We have plans for opening sales offices in the United States and Canada for marketing British toys," Mr. Arnold Harris, chairman of the Toy Fair Association, said.

"It is hoped that the first office will be opened this summer—with a view to getting a share of the Christmas trade in those countries."

Mr. Harris said that one doll manufacturer reported enough orders at the recent Birmingham Fair to keep his two factories going for a year with work for 500 people.

"Overseas orders were booked totalling hundreds of thousands of pounds and the goods ordered included tricycles, balloons, wooden toys, plastic, Christmas tree decorations, crackers, games, mechanical toys, plastic novelties and dolls."

French Translation



By ALICE ALDEN

David Westheim comes through with a new series for winter-to-spring wear, of which this is a good example. A delicate line pattern in brown, with an occasional fleur-de-lis in emerald green on a black ground makes up the colour scheme of this pure silk frock, adapted from Balenciaga. Short sleeves are formed by a caped cowl effect which continues over the shoulder to the waist, with the front of the cowl forming a soft bow.

Always on the Go? Leave Time out for Relaxation



A good way to relax and rest tired eyes at the same time is this: Soak pads of cotton in good-quality witch hazel, place them on your eyes.

By HELEN FOLLETT

THERE are women who need more work to do, more exercise. But the majority of women these days need more relaxation. They're galloping at too fast a pace, and the marks of fatigue are evident. Eyes look tired, facial muscles are tense, movements of the body quick and jerky. Physicians say that there are more cases of nervous exhaustion than ever before. Life is too rushed, too delicious.

Give yourself a test. See if you can relax. Do a flop, close your eyes. Don't forget that if the body is to relax, the mind must be at peace. Tension of mind is reflected in tension of the muscles. Vast stores of energy, unnumbered calories, are used up with nothing to show for it but premature wrinkles, grey hair and lagging steps. Full, free breathing is restricted, physical poise is lacking. So rest yourself, now and then, dear lady. Give your energy motors an opportunity to be recharged.

When you're nervous and jumpy, drop everything, get out of doors. Or if that looks like too much of an effort, lie down on your bed and do stretching exercises. Stretch your arms above your head, extend the legs, even the toes. After each vigorous stretching, go limp as a rag. Relax completely. Take as you stretch, exhale as you relax. Turn on one side and stretch your legs diagonally as far as you can. After five minutes of body tensing and relaxing, relax your mind. It can be done. Lie on your back, arms at your sides. Take long, deep breaths, forcing the air out through your lips with a whistling sound. With each intake of air repeat in your mind the word "rest." You can do a little self-hypnotising this way.

That exercise is especially helpful to the worrier. The only way to get fretful thoughts out of your mind is to substitute hopeful ones. You can do that little thing by repeating a cheerful word over and over again. If you can't sleep, repeat the word "sleep." This plan often works like a miracle.

Another good way to relax, is to stretch out on the couch, place pads of cotton over your eyes that have been soaked in good-quality witch hazel.



Let's Eat BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

The Most Popular Dessert

WE had come to dessert, and the woman seated opposite me in the restaurant ordered deep dish apple pie. She tasted it and smiled with appreciation. "I think I'll order some," I ventured, "it looks good!"

"And it tastes good, too," she said. "This restaurant is one of the very few places where you can count on good apple pie. It's made of nice firm tart pie apples with plenty of sugar, and enough nutmeg so it makes its presence known. There's no flour or tapioca for thickening, either, and the crust is crisp and flaky, and it's served warm. I call this a first rate deep dish pie. And we're fussy about pies where I come from."

"New England?" I guessed.

A Specialty

"Right," she answered, "and Boston at that. Making apple pie is one of my specialties," she went on.

"When I told the Chef about this incident," she remarked, "Apple pie is the most popular American dessert. It is a special favourite of the men. So I would like to give a tip to the brides and newly weds: Learn how to make good apple pie and your husband will call you his Darling Cherie."

"He will, if it's good," I laughed. "The bride might start with a good deep dish apple pie, as that's the easiest to make. And until she has had an opportunity to practise making piecrust, she'd better use a ready piecrust mix."

"And make the pie big," said the Chef; "most men like to have a second helping, or may be a piece of pie and a glass of milk for an evening snack."

Two-Crust Pie
"After the young baker has mastered a deep dish apple pie, she might make a two-crust pie," I went on. "This calls for greater care in using the oven as it should be very hot during the first ten minutes of baking to set the crust so the apple juice won't soak in. Then the heat should be lowered for 35 minutes to cook the apple through."

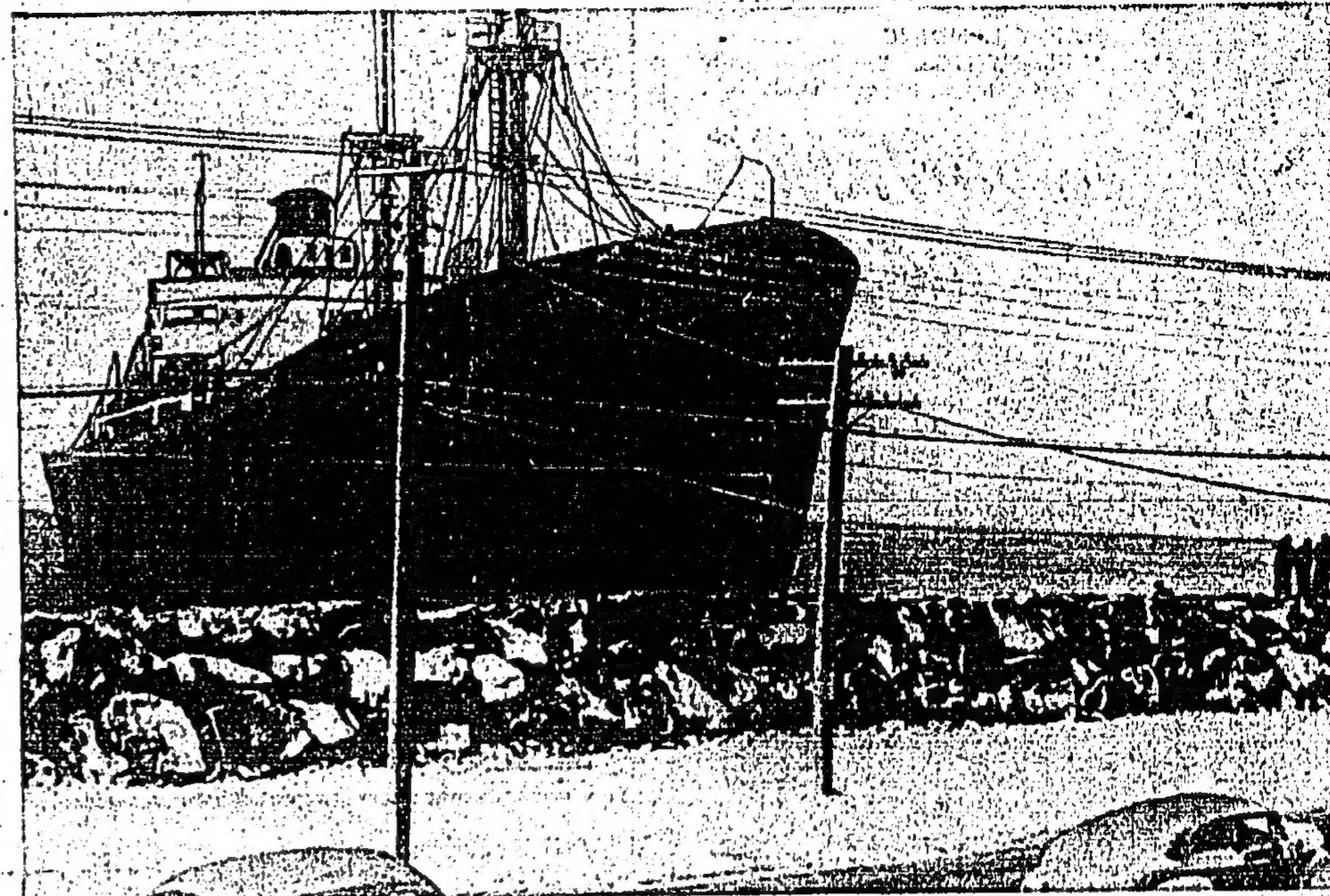
"For a very professional golden look it is good to brush the top crust before baking with a little egg yolk mixed with milk," suggested the Chef. "And I also like to dust over about a tablespoonful granulated sugar for a nice finish. An especially fine variation I use sometimes, is a combination of tart apples and ripe peaches."

Trick of the Chef
Cover the top of deep apple pie with coarse-grated sharp American cheese and place under the broiler until the cheese melts.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



ON THE RUN—Steel-helmeted police break up a Communist demonstration outside the Parliament building in Rome. The demonstration had been organised to protest against Italian participation in the North Atlantic Pact. Inside the building, Red deputies were staging a filibuster. Similar organised demonstrations took place throughout the entire country.



ALMOST AMPHIBIOUS—The freighter Christian Bergh lies helpless in two feet of water a few inches from the sea wall south of Ambrose Channel, near New York. The accident, in which none of the crew was injured, occurred during a recent snowstorm. The Coast Guard reported that there was no immediate danger of the ship's breaking up, and she was pulled to safety 11 hours later.



KEPT HIS WORD—Protesting against the conviction of Cardinal Mindszenty, Endre Sulyi resigned his clerical job in the Hungarian Consulate in Cleveland, Ohio, saying he would rather dig ditches than work for Hungary.



LOOKING AROUND—From the steps of New York's City Hall, a policeman points out a few landmarks to Ada Fishburn, of Spennymoor, England. Miss Fishburn has exchanged jobs for two months with Mary Uglianitz of Bayonne, New Jersey.



CIRCUS TIME—With the approach of spring, the big top gets ready to travel. Here Ickes, the still-walking chimp, is put through his paces by Madame Fife at the winter quarters of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus in Florida.



VATICAN'S OWN—Reluctant to rely on outside scientific information, the Vatican has its own observatory at Castelgandolfo, Italy. Here a priest removes a photo plate after a night exposure.



AT LAST—Shoppers inspect point-free underwear in one of London's largest department stores after the long-awaited lifting of clothes rationing.



PASSPORT, PLEASE—Screen star Myrna Loy produces her passport for inspection on arrival in Milan, Italy. She was heading for the Italian Riviera for a rest, after an appendectomy in London, where she was making a new film.

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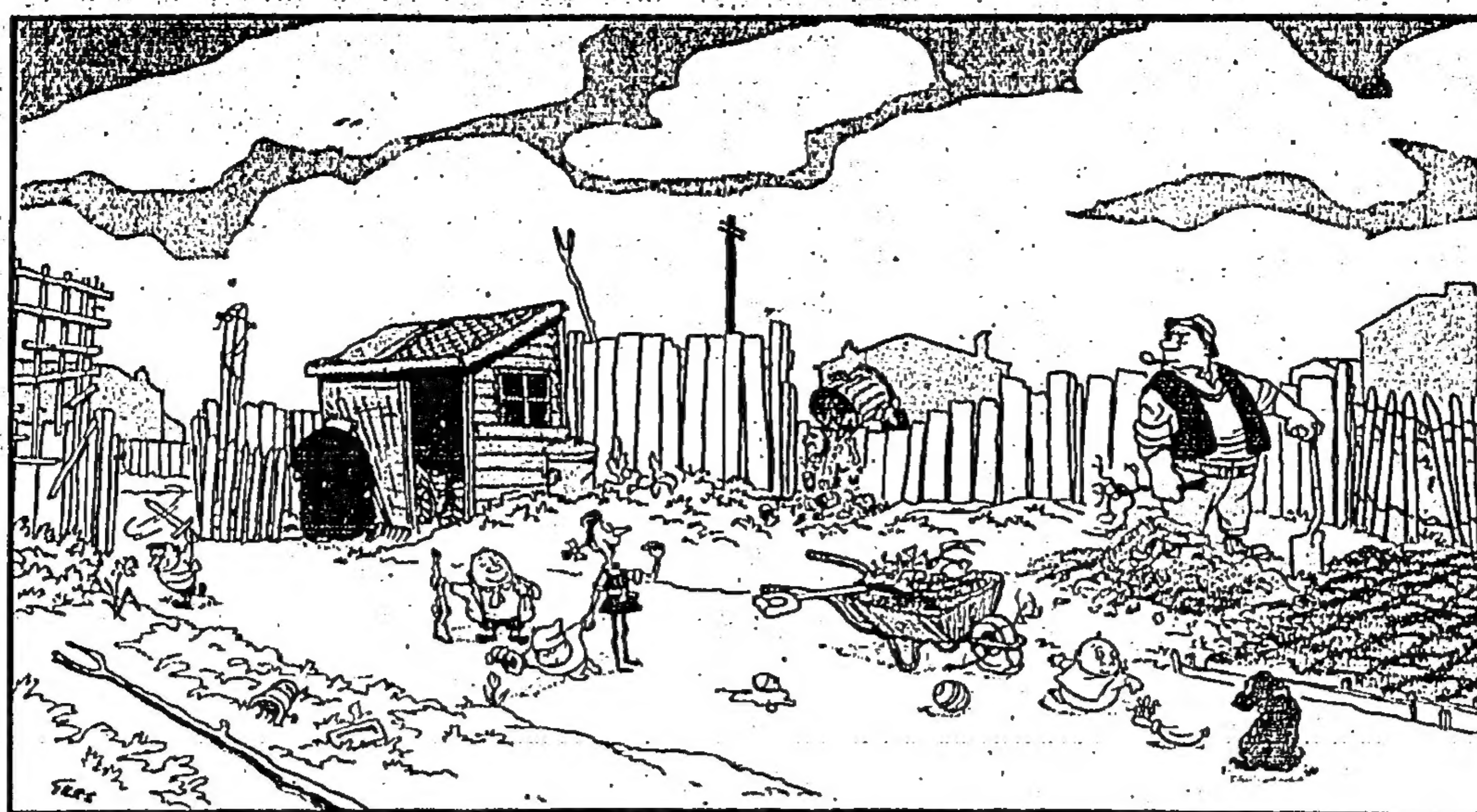
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"Dad, will you write a letter to the papers? Fred's just heard the first cuckoo—and GOT it!"

How can these wives stay proud?

by HAROLD BRETT

who is touring Britain to investigate the real home needs of the people. His first report gives no reason for cheering—but it points a moral which could gladden the people in search of somewhere to live.

WHEN a broken pledge means a broken heart, there is cause for anger. I write in anger now because I have seen the Heartbreak Houses which inflict far better than statistics the men who promised homes to the homeless.

Mr Ernest Bevin was right in 1945 when he said we needed to build four to five million new houses and pull down any amount of wretched slum property "in very quick time."

Mr Charles Key, with his great experience of housing, was right in 1946 when he set a target of 600,000 new homes a year.

But in the spring sunshine of 1949 I have seen how wrong they were in thinking that Mr Aneurin Bevan would do the building.

At Norwich the need for homes is 3,000 greater than it was in 1945. At Birmingham, where 10,000 houses were totally destroyed by bombing, only 9,980 homes of any kind have so far been provided. At Bristol the demand for houses increases by 100 a week.

Homes put up at jog-trot rate

BRITAIN has built 441,000 permanent homes since 1945—and the rate is a jog-trot of 220,000 a year. Compare the figures with the hopes, and remember that hardly a house in the slums has been touched—except by bombs—since 1939. Many thousands of workers who lived there have been moved out to remote estates, where late the cows grazed and the corn grew. London shoots them out like rockets into the surrounding counties with the promise of shops and pubs to follow.

Good houses, wide spaces, "village greens" (where the children have not tramped them bare), curved streets to break up the length of miles and miles of new roads. The architects are pleased with their work.

But the local treasurers count the loss on every house built, see a new rent collector on the salary roll for every 600 houses, and grow anxious.

Families live in ex-Army huts

WHAT the tenants think cannot be judged from a few rent strikes. We shall not know until they have the chance of moving to an address of their own choice. If they do, then it will be because they think rent, rates, and bus fare too high, or the prices in planned shopping centres too high.

For the moment the alternative before them is a home with a shared kitchen, a squatters' hut, or a rest centre.

I have toured some of the squatters' camps, and seen some of the 20,000 families living in ex-Army huts in Britain. I have talked to families in rest centres. I took my wife with me because women are quicker to assess what it is like to stay at home most of the day.

In London alone there are still about 370 homeless families in rest centres. They live in a room or a partitioned part of a room until a house can be found for them. Their average stay is about a year.

I talked with about a dozen of them. All the menfolk and some of the women have jobs. They could afford the rent for a house—if they could get one. For one room and their keep in a rest centre a family of four has to pay £3 13s. 6d. a week.

It's a waste of house pride

SQUATTING with his wife and two children in a hut at Leicester was the driver of one of the big machines that help to grab open-cast coal. He is well paid, proud of his job and of his skill as an engineer.

It is incredible that a good workman of that type should not have a real home to show you.

How about the women? Plenty of house pride is going to waste in the Nissen huts I saw in the Midlands. One of them was half a hut, 20ft. by 16ft., sub-divided with partitions and curtains into six miniature rooms. Just space for a bed and the bicycle in the second bed-room.

The rent: 10s. a week—and a shilling-in-the-slot electric meter.

But the Army stove in the centre is now black and shining

as it never was in the days when the soldiers used it, the sideboard was polished, and the wooden threshold of the door was whitened just like a real doorstep.

And there were well-brushed mats and carpeting—piled on the stone floor "to keep rheumatism out of the feet."

Sharing a kitchen means friction

HOW did these people come to be homeless? Well, some had arrived from other towns and found that as strangers their place was at the bottom of the waiting list.

But nearly all had tried living with friends and relatives, and had been defeated by the friction of life in a shared kitchen. After a year in a squatter camp they are finding other causes of friction.

One family at the Leicester camp had moved its dustbin a yard or so away from the door. It is now right in front of the door of the hut opposite, and the dust blows inside. There is going to be a row up there before long, if I am any judge of the looks in women's eyes.

It is wrong—wrong and unfair that the good, solid, ordinary folk of Britain, should be living under this strain.

RED SCARE RISES IN THE U.S.

THE United States is in the middle of one of the most intensive anti-Red scares known since the last war began.

Every man, woman, and child—with the exception of certain official delegates—admitted into the country now has to satisfy the immigration authorities. . . . THAT they are not Communists, THAT they have not got Communist connections, and THAT they are not likely to pick up Communist connections once they get into the United States.

Every Government department is being investigated for people who are thought to have any connection with Communist agents.

Elsewhere the F.B.I. is working on clues about people who have entered the country in the past two years.

The immigration authorities say that in the past 18 months 500 people from Iron Curtain countries have entered the United States under diplomatic privilege.

They have been absorbed into the United Nations Organization and foreign embassies in Washington.

Many of them are genuine diplomatic representatives, but senior immigration officials now take the view that any person coming here officially, from an Iron Curtain country at least, is likely to be a spy.

As part of the general probe, schools and colleges are coming under close scrutiny. The Un-American Activities Committee, which President Truman tried to kill after last year's scare, now has agents all over the country.

They have demanded that the Department of Justice in

CARIBBEAN ISLANDERS GET A £20,000 LECTURE FROM BRITAIN

rhythm in their bones—but that's not music

by JAMES LEASOR

Kingston. THE British Council is spending £20,000 a year in Jamaica giving lectures on the appreciation of art, and recorded recitals of madrigals and virginal music. But most of the people in this lovely land can neither read nor write.

Of the 1,250,000 in Jamaica only 5,500 are registered readers of the libraries to which the British Council has promised to give £7,000 a year for the next ten years.

In his first-floor office in Kingston, grey-haired Martin Blake, former schoolmaster, and chief of the Council here, told me of his travelling art exhibitions.

Sets of 20 paintings are sent out on tour. They are hung on the walls of any village school that has wall space to spare. Then, after ten days or a fortnight, they are taken down and moved on to their next resting place.

He did not mention the average conditions in these village schools. Children are packed in often 100 to a class. They have all their time fully absorbed in trying to pick up the rudiments of reading and writing.

To one audience of school children, aged about 12, the British Council art officer lectured on "Why Art?"

Another school, he spoke on the "Technique and Appreciation of Art."

BOOKS

WHAT sort of books can the 5,500 registered readers take home from the libraries to browse over? Mostly, they are paper-backed novels, and a small spattering of semi-technical books on motor engineering and dress-making. Alec Bryant, the chief librarian controls his 40,000 books from his headquarters in a dilapidated old house next door to a church.

Some of the earlier books that were sent out from England last year, when the libraries were being formed, were quite unsuitable. One, for instance, was "The English Abigail," an account of the social life of English domestic servants through the ages. Others were books on architecture, on the British country life, and the history of the English inn.

These were intended for a country where illiteracy has such a grip that voters in elections cannot read posters. They follow the signs of the candidates—goats, rams, sheep, bulls—and vote for them instead.

BRITISH Council films eat up more money. The so-called Central Film Organisation has 670 films, with three projectors to screen them.

But the films are not all well chosen. The British taxpayer treats his Jamaican cousins to some curious pictures. Villagers who spend their days hanging live chickens to gullible American tourists are shown "Looking at Birds." Simple folk living in tin shacks high up in the Blue Mountains are shown "Tennis—how to improve your Game."

People whose homes are in the lonely places of Jamaica tramp miles barefoot to see, in some village hall, "Washing-time at the Zoo."

Then there is music. The Jamaicans have a vital musical culture of their own. But the British Council feels that they lack "musical appreciation." So the music officer, Scots-born Thomas Murray gives talks on the great Continental composers.

Says he: "The people are musical so long as the music is rhythmic. But not when it comes to music as an art. It would be hard to stage an opera here, or a chamber music recital."

Two £300 British Council scholarships go to Jamaicans this year. One man, 29-year-old Noel Vaz, has just returned here after spending two years at London's Old Vic Theatrical School. Now the British Council pays him his salary as a producer. So far, he has produced one Christmas pantomime, "Beauty and the Beast." He hopes to stage Shakespeare's "The Tempest" in the open air next month.

However good this production may be, only a very few will see it and far fewer will understand it. For it is far above the heads of the ordinary people.

INDUSTRY

JAMAICA needs the fundamentals of learning before she is ready for these cultural frills. She needs more teachers, more text books, more school-rooms.

Too many boys and girls leave school at 14 and drift into dead-end occupations such as hotel boys or waitresses in dive-in cafes.

To talk to such children about Renold or Vladimir, or Van Gogh before they can read and write, add and subtract, is madness.

Jamaica is developing as a great producer of sugar, bananas and tomatoes. Her recently acquired tourist industry is thriving and growing. Ahead, the years are rich with promise.

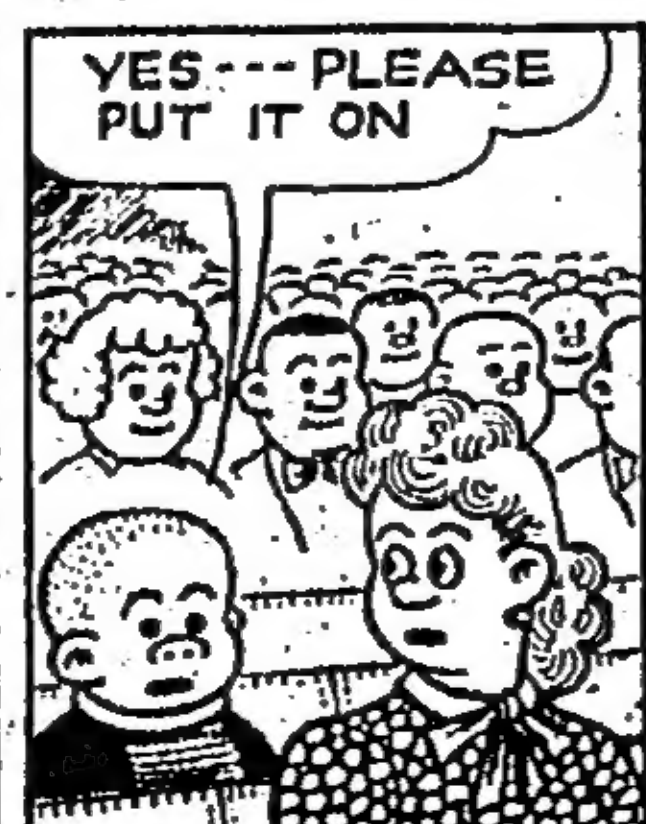
To pump highbrow art into the island now is as ridiculous as feeding adolescents on champagne and caviare. And the results are just as lamentable.

—VINCENT EVANS.

NANCY

Up and Over

By Ernie Bushmiller



Shop Foki To Hang For Knife Murder

TRAGIC SEQUEL TO MAHJONG GAME

Ngai Pak-chuen, 26, salesman of the Wah On Stationery and Provisions Store, Pottinger Street, was unanimously found guilty of the murder of Lo Kin, his 26-year-old cousin and co-foki, and sentenced to death by hanging by the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

UNAssembly To Discuss Trial Of Pastors

Lake Success, Apr. 6.—Eight of the 14 members of the United Nations Human Rights Commission today approved the inclusion of the trial of Cardinal Mindszenty and the Bulgarian pastors on the General Assembly agenda. This ensures a majority in favour when the Committee votes on the two items.

The Committee adjourned until tomorrow after Belgium, Britain, Canada, France, Panama and the United States had voiced their support of the two items. The Polish delegate opposed them.

Bolivia asked for the inclusion of the Mindszenty trial and Austria for the Bulgarian trial.

M. Julius Katz Suchy, for Poland, declared that the United Nations was not competent to deal with the items, which, he said, were entirely within the domestic jurisdiction of Hungary and Bulgaria.

M. Suchy described the suggested consideration of the trials as "a great violation of the Charter." The provisions of the Charter relating to domestic jurisdiction, he said, applied even more so in the present cases because Hungary and Bulgaria were not members of the United Nations.

M. Suchy argued that neither Hungary nor Bulgaria was legally bound by the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights.

"By admitting the cases to the agenda, we would make it possible for this Organisation, which was built up for quite different purposes, to be used as an organ of intervention into domestic affairs," he said.

Dr. Herbert E. Evans (Australia) replied that the Assembly had undisputed authority under Article 35 of the Charter to discuss the matters.

"You will find there," he said, "an express statement to the effect that the United Nations shall promote universal respect for an observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, colour or creed. 'The real question is whether these trials belong to criminal jurisprudence in the ordinary sense, or whether they were not simply pretended trials for another purpose.'—Reuter.

Navy's Prize Money Soon

London, Apr. 6.—When asked in the House of Commons this afternoon about arrangements for the distribution of prize money and the issue of medals and campaign stars for the Royal Navy, the Financial Secretary to the Admiralty said that it was expected the necessary forms would be printed and the Admiralty ready to deal with claims in the next two months. Applications from serving officers and men would be dealt with through normal channels, and the distribution of prize money, medals and the campaign stars would begin shortly after receipt of the first applications. Application forms for service officers and men and next of kin of those who died would be made available at Post Offices. Prize money would not be subject to income tax.—Reuter.

Boxer Deported From Australia

Sydney, Apr. 6.—A former American negro boxer, Tiger Parkes, who has lived in Australia with his Australian wife and child for 15 years, was deported today. Parkes had refused to obey an order directing him to leave the country, and he was gaoled on March 17. Today, the police put him on a Pan-American Airways Clipper for San Francisco.—United Press.

IMPROVING AVIATION FACILITIES

Conference Studies Africa's Problems

London, Apr. 6.—Recommendations for larger airports, improved flying control and networks of search and rescue stations for Africa and the Indian Ocean region, are expected to be submitted next week to the closing session of the three-week International Civil Aviation Organisation Conference here.

Secretariat officials are working day and night on the Committee reports to blueprint standardised practice and procedure in future air traffic across the African Continent. Since its opening session on March 22, the Conference, which completes the ICA coverage of world regions, has been split into committees dealing with airports and ground aids, air traffic control, communications, meteorology, search and rescue.

One hundred and fifty delegates from a score of more countries, regions and organisations have pooled information, experience and plans for the Conference to establish an organised basis for air development in Africa.

BIGGER AIRPORTS

The existing airports in the African and Indian Ocean region will have to be enlarged to handle the rapidly expanding air traffic, it is understood. Alternative and supplementary airports will be required to conform to international standards of flying safety.

In air traffic control, procedures now common in other regions will be advised, dividing the African and Indian Ocean region into specific areas. An organised communications system between planes and ground stations will have to be extended and improved to pass information to aircraft and direct traffic.

One important problem tackled by the Conference is the establishment of the best frequencies for radio communication in tropical zones. A network of weather stations issuing periodical forecasts for all the areas of the region has been considered.

The need for planes on mercy missions to be able to cross frontiers without delay has also been stressed.—Reuter.

Red Surrender Ultimatum Not Confirmed

Shanghai, Apr. 7.—There was no official confirmation this morning of the claim by well-informed Nationalist sources that the Chinese Communists in Peiping had presented a virtual ultimatum to the Nationalist delegates, demanding the capitulation of the Nationalist armies on the pattern of the Peiping surrender.

The developments at the Peiping conference remain shrouded in the deepest secrecy, but the Nationalist spokesman has hitherto consistently denied that the talks have run into snags despite the spate of press reports to the contrary.

Authoritative Nationalist quarters today, while declaring that they had received no official information about the reported Red surrender ultimatum, doubted the story. They said the Communists had demanded negotiations on the basis of the Communist leader, Mr. Mao Tse-tung's eight peace terms, and these did not include an outright Nationalist surrender.—Reuter.

Editor Refuses To Pay

Valetta, Apr. 6.—The English-language daily newspaper, the Bulletin, suspended publication indefinitely today when its editor, Mr. James Scorey, said he was "not disposed" to deposit £200 at the Treasury in compliance with Malta's press laws.

The paper was suspended during the first four days of this month and Mr. Scorey was fined £12 on charges of "reviling and insulting" Malta's Governor, Sir Francis Douglas.

When the Bulletin resumed publication yesterday, the police advised Mr. Scorey that this infringed the island's press law, which requires a £200 deposit for the publication of a previously suspended newspaper.

Today's issue of the paper carried a notice advising its

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"If you can collect the money they borrowed from me to buy that electric razor for my birthday, I'll split with you!"

"Still Hope For Honourable Peace" In China

US House C'ttee Hears "Good & Bad News"

Washington, Apr. 6.—The chief of the American military mission in China today gave the House Foreign Affairs Committee "both good and bad news" about the Chinese situation.

Major-General David Barr, who heads the military delegation training Chinese officers, talked with Committee members for three hours behind closed doors.

He declined to discuss what he talked about, but the Committee chairman, Representative John Kee, said: "We got both good and bad news."

Other members said the discussion was "not as discouraging as it might have been" and Representative Walter Judd said he believed there was hope for an honourable peace, rather than surrender involving a Communist coalition in China.

Mr. Judd said that such a peace would involve recognition of two separate governments in China—the Communist government in the area already taken by them and the Nationalist government for areas not yet captured.

He said the type of settlement would depend, however, on the continuance of United States aid for the Nationalists. He also told reporters he had received several letters from friends in China expressing the view that for the first time in three years there was hope for China's future.

Mr. Judd said his correspondents revealed that the people had great faith in President Li Tsung-jen and believed he had eliminated the most corrupt elements of the Nationalist government.

Mr. Kee said the Committee session was informal and the Committee had no plans for further hearings on China in the immediate future.—United Press.

Fate Catches Up

Bridgend, (Glamorgan), Apr. 6.—After serving 22 years in the Royal Navy, during which he survived the Battle of River Plate, Battle of Matapan and the mining of a corvette off Bonaparte, David Harris returned to the island some weeks ago. Now he has been killed by a runaway tram.—Reuter.

Mr. Scorey was convicted on charges arising out of a report of a University Council meeting, which was alleged to have brought the person of the Governor "into hatred and contempt."

The Malta Appeal Court upheld the conviction but quashed a sentence of eight days' imprisonment imposed on Mr. Scorey and reduced the fine of £40. The suspension of the Bulletin was from two months to four days.—Reuter.

Airlift Vote

Washington, Apr. 6.—The House Appropriations Committee today voted US\$42,000,000 in emergency funds to keep the Berlin airlift running at full capacity through June 30.—United Press.

US Senate Expected To Pass ECA Bill Soon

Washington, Apr. 6.—The Senate today accepted the Vandenberg amendment to extension of European recovery, which would continue American aid to the Netherlands unless the United Nations imposed sanctions against the Dutch.

The Senate then ended its 11th day of debate on the measure and the Democratic leader, Mr. Scott Lucas, said he hoped it would pass tomorrow. The Netherlands amendment was a compromise on a proposal by Senator Owen Brewster to halt all American aid to the Dutch immediately. Earlier, Senator Brewster revealed that he would agree to accept the administration's compromise amendment to the ECA bill because, he said, several Senators had given implied assurances that they would not vote for ratification of the Atlantic Pact until the Indonesian controversy was settled.

This would mean that instead of using ECA to influence the Netherlands to undertake an Indonesian settlement, Senator Brewster would try to rely upon Atlantic Pact ratification to do that.

Senator Brewster's amendment would have required the cutting off of aid to any nation which did not adhere to recommendations of the Security Council. The compromise drawn up by Republican Senator Arthur Vandenberg and others provides for withholding aid from any country "against which the United Nations is taking preventive or enforcement action."

THREAT TO UN

Mr. Brewster said: "Many who share my concern over Indonesia would feel strongly about ratifying the pact while the Dutch actually are in violation of its provision for peaceful settlement of disputes. Failure by the Dutch to reach a solution of the dispute while the Senate is considering the pact is something which would certainly be taken into account when the time came for voting on it."

He recalled that incidents in Ethiopia and Manchuria led to the loss of power of the old League of Nations. "We must recognise the extent to which the Indonesian question threatens to undermine the prestige and authority of the United Nations," he said.—United Press.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Programme Summary: 6.01. Children's Story: "Trit-A-Trit". 6.30. E. Lucia Turnbull (Drama): "The Light of the World". 7.00. News and Charles Kullback: "The World in a Minute". 7.15. "The World in a Minute". 7.30. "The World in a Minute". 7.45. "The World in a Minute". 8.00. "The World in a Minute". 8.15. "The World in a Minute". 8.30. "The World in a Minute". 8.45. "The World in a Minute". 9.00. "The World in a Minute". 9.15. "The World in a Minute". 9.30. "The World in a Minute". 9.45. "The World in a Minute". 10.00. "The World in a Minute". 10.15. "The World in a Minute". 10.30. "The World in a Minute". 10.45. "The World in a Minute". 11.00. "The World in a Minute". 11.15. "The World in a Minute". 11.30. "The World in a Minute". 11.45. "The World in a Minute". 12.00. "The World in a Minute". 12.15. "The World in a Minute". 12.30. "The World in a Minute". 12.45. "The World in a Minute". 1.00. "The World in a Minute". 1.15. "The World in a Minute". 1.30. 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BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

PARK LANPHEAR of St. Paul, Minn., president of the Minnesota bridge unit, sent me today's lesson hand. Park wrote that the Minnesota crowd may learn a few lessons from the eastern experts who attend the St. Paul Winter Carnival championships; but they also are counting on giving a few bridge lessons themselves.

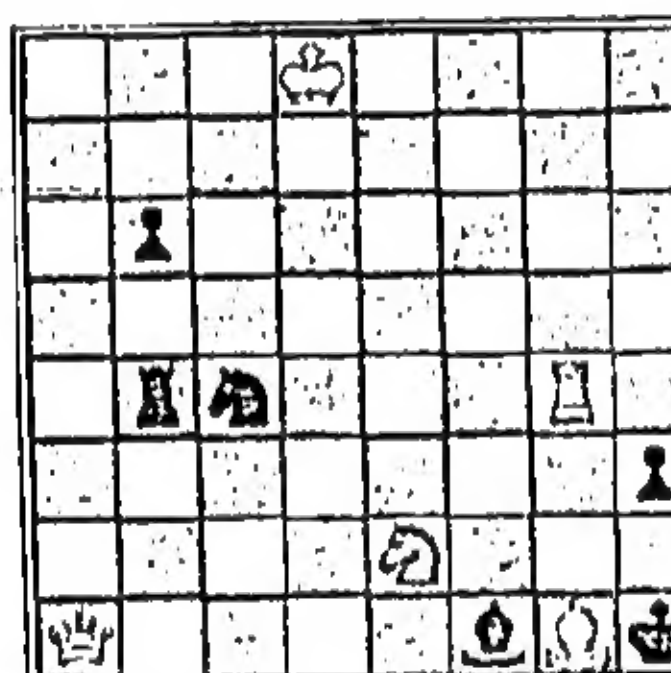
Park suggested that I include in my lesson hands a few for the real beginner at bridge, such as today's hand. Although this hand is simple, it does provide a good lesson for the beginner.

Regardless of the method of bidding you use, you should have no trouble in arriving at six no trump. There is no problem on the first trick; it can be won in either hand. Now the beginner may cash out three spade tricks, three heart tricks and three club tricks, before starting on the diamond suit.

It is obvious that declarer must win three diamond tricks to make his contract, and he cannot get them until he knocks out the ace of diamonds. He has all of the high diamonds in the deck to do it with, so he should lead diamonds. If the opponents do not win the first one, he leads another diamond. If they do not win the second, he leads the third.

Of course, if they do not win that one, he has his high diamonds in the deck to do it with, so he should lead diamonds. If the opponents do not win the first one, he leads another diamond. If they do not win the second, he leads the third.

CHESS PROBLEM

By U. C. BUDDIE
Black, 6 pieces

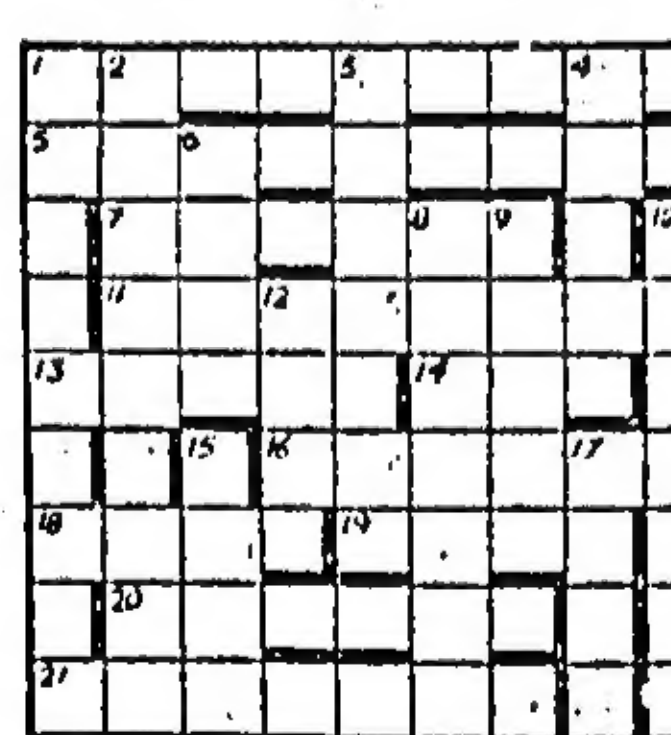
White, 5 pieces.

White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. K1-R3. 1... K-B6; 2. B-K2 (ch); 1... P-Q6; 2. B-K6; 1... K-K5; 2. K-K1; 1... K-K1; 2. Q-KK16.

CROSSWORD



- Across
1. A lion cubs appear to be sent to country. (4)
 2. The porch before the house. (4)
 3. I leave the rest to become a guide. (4)
 4. Very early. (4)
 5. Measured up. (4)
 6. Contained. (4)
 7. A sort of small hawk. (4)
 8. It's an eager swallow. (4)
 9. See 3 Down
 10. How Sambo would remove an expression of countenance. (4)
 11. You may or may not learn quite a lot from him. (4)

- Down
1. Where the Kitten Prize winner at Disney takes many a look. (4)
 2. It's slavery. (4)
 3. And I'm peace mad. (4)
 4. The general's assistant might say. (4)
 5. Kipling said that the best is like the worst east of here. (4)
 6. Cheap. (4)
 7. A product of a school of note. (4)
 8. A person responsible for coarse cloth. (4)
 9. Date alteration. (4)
 10. A kind of centre of the Main. (4)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle—Across: 1. Popular. 2. A lion. 3. A lion. 4. A lion. 5. A lion. 6. A lion. 7. A lion. 8. A lion. 9. A lion. 10. A lion. Down: 1. A lion. 2. A lion. 3. A lion. 4. A lion. 5. A lion. 6. A lion. 7. A lion. 8. A lion. 9. A lion. 10. A lion.

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Check Your Knowledge

1. How did the explorer Roald Amundsen lose his life?
2. How long did William Shakespeare live?
3. For what is Easter Island noted?
4. Name the two wives of Napoleon Bonaparte.
5. Which is the most important fur-bearing animal of the British Isles?
6. What famous book did Johanna Spyri write?

(Answers in Column 4)

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

All About How Books Are Made

—Mr. Punch Told Knarf and Hanid—

By MAX TRELL

MR PUNCH was putting on his spectacles and just getting ready to open up a book, when he heard a voice saying: "Mr Punch, how are books made?"

Mr Punch looked up in surprise. It was Knarf, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name. Mr Punch smiled. "How are books made?" Mr Punch repeated. "Is that what you said?"

Knarf said that was what he said. Mr Punch pushed his spectacles back on his forehead. "Well, it's quite a long story. First someone has to write the book. He's called the author."

Same As Writer

Mr Punch nodded. "The author is the same as the writer. But of course," Mr Punch added the next moment, "the author doesn't write the book like a regular book. He writes it on sheets of paper with a pencil or a pen or on a typewriter. But all the words are there."

"Like someone writing a letter?" Knarf said.

"Sort of like that," answered Mr Punch. "Only much longer. And it isn't a letter to any one person—it's to anyone in the whole world who wants to read it. It's like a long, long letter, sent without an envelope so that everyone who wishes to, can read it. It sometimes takes an author a great many months, and sometimes a great many years to write out all the words of a book, even though it takes someone else only a little while to read it."

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RECORDED MUSIC

BEETHOVEN'S PIANO THUMPINGS AT 14

By DELOS SMITH

BECAUSE you admire beyond measure the man, you are fascinated by a view of the child, little Ludwig Beethoven, aged 14 years. And you have the view because of a recording of the boy's "concerto" by Orazio Frugoni, pianist, and the Pro-Musical Chamber Orchestra under Paul Paray, (Polydor-Vox; three 12-inch.)

Even with Beethoven you discover, the man was not essentially removed from the boy who was argumentative too, and industrious and capable of giving out visions and fragments of beauty. Of course, the boy didn't know as much or feel as deeply or have as much to say but he spoke with force and confidence.

There is no question of the authenticity of the piano score, but the orchestral tutti is "reconstructed" from "indications." Frugoni's playing is pleasantly sensitive. At points, he goes into an enthusiastic thumping which your imagination has no trouble attributing to little Ludwig.

Another album involving sentiment is one which begins with an old strong voice saying

Beniamino Gigli was the Turridu and in commendable vocal and histrionic estate; and Lina Bruna Rasa was the Santuzza. The moral passage, but a lighter, more forceful culmination probably is not possible for the gramophone, deprived of visual magnificence. Orchestral and vocal tones are rich and spacious in what is, all-in-all, an excellent recording.

The French Organists

Placed on five 12-inch records in an album are typical works of seven French organ composers of the 19th and 20th centuries—Charles Marie Widor, Eugene Gigout, Leon Boellman, Louis Vierne, "the blind organist of Notre Dame," Marcel Dupre, and youthful Jehan Alain, who was killed in World War II. They are played on the organ of Columbia University. This kind of album is more enjoyable to the specialist than to the general listener and so is highly recommended to organ enthusiasts for sure, sharp delineation of music ranging from the dull to the exciting. (Columbia; five 12-inch.)

(To-morrow—Unusual Angles.)

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. In the Arctic in 1928 while attempting to assist in the rescue of the Noble expedition.
2. Fifty-two years (1564 to 1616).
3. For many large prehistoric statues. 4. Josephine Beauharnais and Maria Louisa, daughter of the Emperor of Austria. 5. The mole. 6. "Heidi."

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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

Dieu! Que le son du Quorn est triste au fond du bois.

WHAT is called "an epidemic of coughing among horses" has stopped hunting in parts of Leicestershire.

Well, I'm not so sure. Very often horses have no other way of showing their impatience to be off, when people stand chattering at the meet. Again, women in bowler hats sometimes make even the horses laugh, and as any well will tell you, a horse's laugh sounds like its cough. You can only tell by the look in its eyes that it is amused.

It was said of a certain goddess of the shires that she rode so well that she seemed to be part of the horse. "To me," said a fabulous follower, "she's the whole damned animal."

(QUORN away. Back at 4.30 Fox.)

The Headmaster's warning

IN the Sixth Form Hall the headmaster delivered an address, calling attention to the tendency of a few deluded boys to call in question the sporting traditions of Narkover. He said: "Nothing is more demoralising and stultifying to youth than the idea that honesty must be lowered to the level of a doctrinaire system of universal frustration. Honesty should be the basis of an adaptable code of behaviour, allowing for imagination, enterprise, ambition. You will note that the objections to gambling come from the losers. Do the winners ever complain? Does the boy who requires a place in a school team, by a wise outlay, ever snivel? No. It is the boy who has not the wit to get on who talks of bribery and corruption. Boys, if kiljoy priggishness raises its hideous head here where our fathers drank the beer of the Victorian spring, we must cut it off!"

Sports

WHAT is the Government

aimed at acting against people who live near football grounds, and object to having their property destroyed by the crowd? If those who cannot get in to see a match are forced to burn down the houses in the neighbourhood, to get a good view of the game, it will be because the Government failed to evict these reactionaries, and to allow their houses to be taken over by the people in good time for the kick-off.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

BORN today, you are cheeky, full of energy and initiative, ready to start anything at the slightest hint. Your intuitions are exceptionally keen and you are a real you can make decisions "off the top of your head" without having to think each, single move over carefully. This helps to put you in front of many of your competitors.

You are, actually, fond of the occult and the mysterious as a study. One warning: keep one foot solidly on the ground. Treat the matter objectively instead of subjectively and you will find things work out better for you.

Although you cannot endure the trivialities of social parties and the like, you are a gregarious and congenial soul among those who have similar serious interests. You can become the centre of your group, for you are an interesting and excellent conversationalist when a subject interests you. Other wise you will withdraw into your ivory tower and those not knowing you will consider you reserved—even a little "upity."

You women are not as fond of the domestic routine in your homes as you might be. If you are to enter on a career along with home-making it might be well for you to have help with the domestic front or you may neglect it to the discontent of your husband and family.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Energy counts now for future progress. Romance also is improved. Optimism pays good dividends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Happiness is once more in prospect and the silver lining to past clouds is now showing for you. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A good day for a wedding if you are planning one—or to attend someone else's. Make progress.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—New ideas can be money makers now, so be as inventive as you can on your old job or in a new one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Prospects are brightening for business. Take full advantage of an opportunity offered now.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—An active day with many changes in store. They can be for the best if you work things right.

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May 1950. 16.90

June 1950. 16.75

Standard Rubber Futures

April 1949. 18.40

May 1949. 18.25

United Press.

LONDON MARKET

Prices in the rubber market here today closed as follows:—

May (in pence per lb.) 11 1/10

July/August 10 1/2

October/December 10 1/4

United Press.

Australian Iron Workers' Strike Threat

Sydney, Apr. 6.—Australian iron workers today threatened a nation-wide strike unless the arbitration court reversed its decision to gao the Communist assistant Secretary of the Iron-workers Association, J. McPhillips, for one month.

Fourteen thousand Sydney iron-workers will go on strike tomorrow until further notice. The Union threatened a nation-wide strike unless McPhillips' sentence was lifted within a week.—United Press.

Argentine Trade Talks Suspended

Buenos Aires, Apr. 6.—With the exception of Friday's conference between the British Ambassador and the Argentine Foreign Minister, all trade talks have been suspended indefinitely, it was reported today.

Apart from a desire to observe the reaction after Britain's budget debate, the main reason for the suspension of the talks is the impact of wage increases granted to 80,000 workers in the meat packing industry.

An economic survey in the Weekly Financier said that Britain's latest offer was One Peso and 40 to 50 centavos per kilogram of meat.

The survey added that when the full impact of the wage increases was known the offer might have to be raised to at least Pesos 1.70.—United Press.

FOOTNOTE: The price of meat to British households was raised 4d a lb in the 1949-50 Budget presented by Sir Stafford Cripps yesterday. See page 1.

Sweden, Russia To Exchange Goods

Moscow, Apr. 6.—Sweden will send Soviet Russia bull and roller bearings and other high-grade steel products in exchange for fertilizers, asbestos, lubricating oils and minerals, under a new Soviet-Swedish trade agreement, the official Soviet news agency, Tass, said today.—Reuter.

RUBBER MARKET DECLINE

New York, Apr. 6.—Number 1 contract rubber futures today closed 15 to 18 points lower on sales totalling 72 contracts.

Standard futures closed 13 to 15 points lower nominally.

The market eased after a steady opening and trading was quiet under liquidation and dealer selling when London failed to hold the early gains and because of the slightly increased March shipments to the United States from Singapore.

Pressure of dealer offerings weighed on the physical market, where continued slow factory demand discouraged buyers who had counted on a technical recovery.

Market sentiment remains mixed, with few traders inclined to form any definite opinion either way for the time being.

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CREATING A NEW WESTERN GERMANY

POCKET CARTOON



Judgment For Bank Of England

Not To Surrender Gold Bars

London, Apr. 6.—Justice Jenkins ruled in the Chancery Court today that the Court had no jurisdiction in a French company's action against the Bank of England, claiming the delivery of 64 bars of gold looted by the Germans during the war. He held that the gold was in the possession and under the control of the Governments of the United States, France and Britain.

The French Government the *Dollfus Mieg et Compagnie S.A.*, claimed alternatively that the Bank be ordered not to part with the gold except under the company's direction.

Today's judgment was given on an application by the Bank of England to stop the French company's action on the ground that the gold was in the possession and under the control of the three Governments. Of these, the United States and France declined to submit to the Court's jurisdiction.

COUNSEL'S CLAIM

In his judgment, Justice Jenkins also ordered all further proceedings in the case to be halted and directed that the French company pay the Bank's costs.

At an earlier session of the Court, it was stated that the Germans removed the gold from Linz in a time when that city was in the unoccupied zone of France. Counsel for the French company said the gold had been "purely and simply looted by the Nazis."

The Bank's case was that the gold was deposited with the Bank of England for subsequent distribution under an agreement between the three governments. The French Government had asked the Bank to set the bars aside as the company had requested their return. The French Government's intention was to ask that the bars be included in the allocation to France under the Allied agreement so that the Government might deal with the French company as it thought fit.

The Bank agreed provided that it received instructions to ship the bars to France. The Bank had not yet received such instructions and therefore continued to hold the gold bars.—*Reuter.*

Washington, Apr. 6.—The operational chiefs of America's three Armed Services will confer this week and the next with General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the temporary Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at Key West, Florida.—*Reuter.*



"Since the professor has come without his notes on nuclear fission, he will favour us with a few card tricks."

Greater Control Sought By U.S.

Washington, Apr. 6.—Mr. Ernest Bevin and M. Robert Schuman, the British and French Foreign Ministers, discussed German and related problems again today with Mr. Dean Acheson, the U.S. Secretary of State. These conversations, begun when the Foreign Ministers arrived in Washington before the signing of the Atlantic Pact, are expected to continue for the next two days.

The Ministers were reported to have discussed a plan to give the future West German Government greater responsibility than originally intended. London reports from German sources said the new plan, to replace the "London draft" drawn up after three and a half months' negotiations by representatives of the three countries, may also give greater control to the United States Government, which would be the chief source of financial aid to Western Germany.

The new scheme is believed to be of United States origin, aimed at presenting West Germany with a greatly simplified document.

CONSTITUTION PROBLEM

Diplomatic observers in Washington forecast that the Foreign Ministers' talks on Western Germany might continue another week if Mr. Bevin agrees to postpone his departure from the United States. A British Foreign Office spokesman said, however, that the plan for Mr. Bevin to sail for Britain on Friday still stands, as urgent business awaits the Foreign Secretary in London.

The three Foreign Ministers in Washington have to reach a decision not only on the reported new draft, but also on the interlocking problems of the basic law, or Constitution, now being drawn up by the German Parliamentary Assembly in Bonn, and a new tripartite control system for West Germany.

A final decision has also to be taken on the setting up of an international Ruhr Authority, envisaged by the six-power London Conference last June. Observers in London believe that all these questions are being considered as part of the overall problem of the future political and economic development of West Germany, and that on this basis the three Foreign Ministers may reach an overall compromise.

The main lines of their agreement might then be reached within the next few days.—*Reuter.*

Jet Fighters For India

London, Apr. 6.—The Royal Indian Air Force will soon have more Vampire jet fighters. The De Havilland, which is producing the aircraft and engines, and a company spokesman said tonight: "We will fulfil our contract with the Indian Government to deliver three Vampires immediately about a couple of months ago," he added.

"The others are not due for delivery yet, but the exact quantity ordered by the Indian Government will be ready on time."

The company has received a letter from the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Royal Indian Air Force which states: "The Indian service trials for the three Vampires delivered have been extremely successful. 'Serviceability during the whole time has been remarkably high and routine servicing has been extremely simple. It can be stated that normal servicing work has been on the low side when compared with other types of aircraft.'"—*Reuter.*

Russian Designs On Iran

U.S. STATE DEPT. CONCERNED

Washington, Apr. 6.—The State Department today expressed frank concern over evidence of mounting Soviet military and propaganda pressure on Iran.

The Department spokesman, Mr. Michael McDermott, confirming reports of a border incident on the Azerbaijan frontier on March 31, said it was one of half a dozen such clashes in the past few months.

Other high officials said that these incidents might be the result of trigger-happy patrols, it was possible they represented the calculated Soviet purpose of "either intensifying the war of nerves on Iran or probing the frontier with a view to possible future infiltration by traitorous Azerbaijanis or Kurds who fled to Russia after the downfall of the Soviet puppet Azerbaijan government in 1949."

SOVIET ACCUSATIONS

Mr. McDermott said Persian language broadcasts by Russian "continue to accuse the United States of sinister designs in Iran."

American propaganda analysts disclosed that Soviet broadcasts to Iran in the last week of March took the line: "The threat of war has arisen from the formation of the Atlantic Pact and the inclusion of Iran in the Anglo-American aggressive bloc."

The analysts said clandestine "Azerbaijani underground" elements broadcasting from inside Russia stated: "In case war breaks out, Russia will soon occupy Azerbaijan, which in turn will rise and fight against America."—*United Press.*

Amnesty For Ex-Nazis

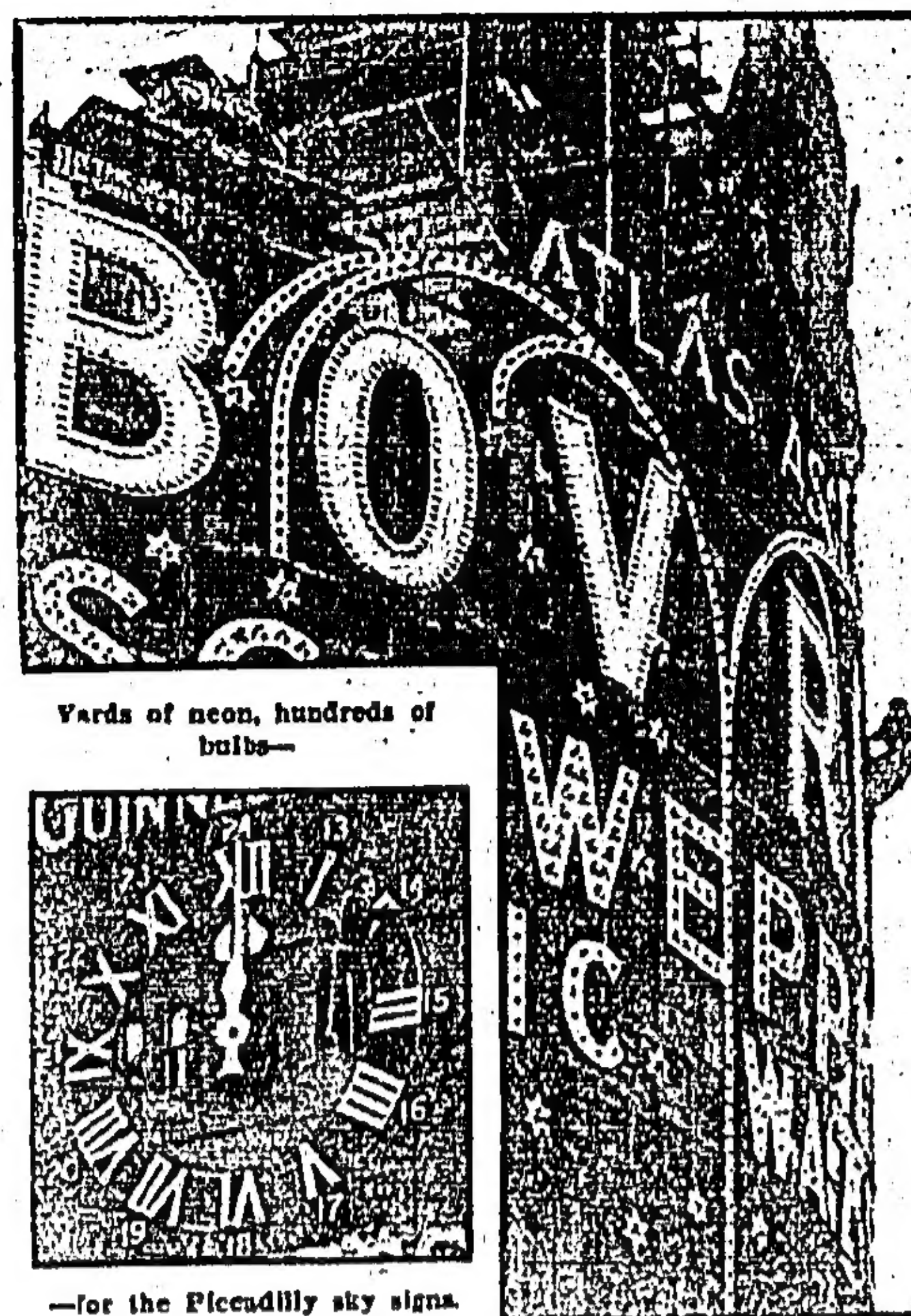
Berlin, Apr. 6.—A sweeping political amnesty for youths, old and disabled people, and other categories of former Nazis in the city who were due to appear before denazification panels, was announced by the three-power Kommandatura today.

The British, French and American order to the City Magistrate means that a large number of former Nazis in Berlin will be able to exchange their endorsed identity cards for ordinary documents. But former Nazis who have specific charges against them will still be tried in the normal way, although they are in the categories cleared by the amnesty.

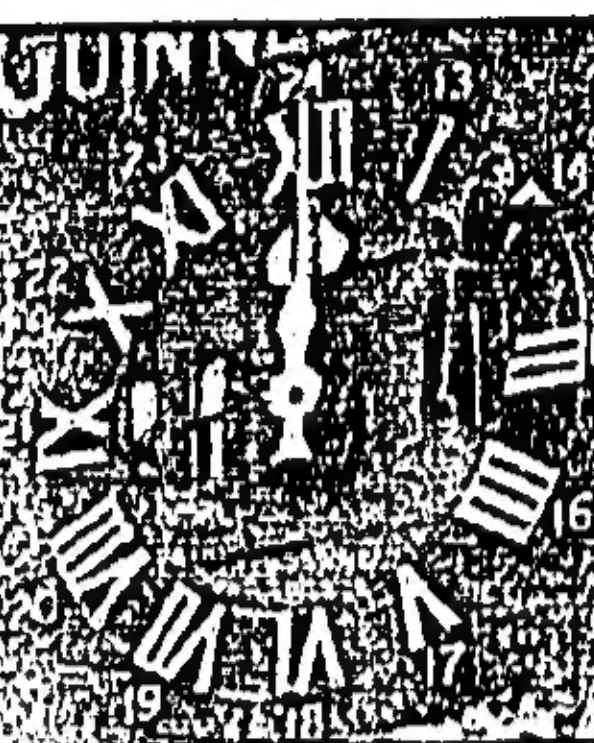
Placing the implementation of the amnesty on the Magistrate, the announcement included the names of members of the Nazi Party who joined after May 1, 1937, and candidates for membership, people under 30 years of age or over 65, and those 50 percent disabled also included are members of Hitler's youth organisations, men compulsorily transferred to the Storm Troopers without an increase of rank, former students at the Adolf Hitler schools and political education institutions and their parents, career officers under the rank of colonel and members of the Nazi Women's Federation.—*Reuter.*

The Lights Go On Again

Last Saturday the lights of London came on again, after 10 long years. Piccadilly, the "Great White Way" of London, was restored to its pre-war night glamour, and thousands cheered. These pictures show workmen preparing some of the colourful signs in Piccadilly Circus just before the "lights on" signal was given.—*London Express Service.*



Vards of neon, hundreds of bulbs—



—for the Piccadilly sky signs.

Will Deal With Health Problems On A World Basis

Brussels, Apr. 6.—The representatives of 50 international non-governmental health organisations, meeting here, have agreed to create a Permanent Council which, for the first time in history, will co-ordinate Medical Science Congresses on a worldwide basis.

Meeting under the joint sponsorship of the World Health Organisation and the United Nations Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation, the delegates agreed unanimously on this important step towards closer international co-operation in the scientific and medical field.

The seat of the Council will be in Belgium, either at Brussels or Louvain. Tomorrow the delegates are expected to elect Professor Jean M. Maistre, leading Belgian member of the International Union Against Cancer, as the Council's Executive Secretary.

The Council's statutes have been agreed upon.

Dr. David Kolz, the International Congress on Psychology, said today: "The delegates gathered here in Brussels represent organisations which cover the five continents and practically every country of the world."

"Their membership runs across national borders and transcends any particular special, they came here simply to serve a cause which is eminently international, namely, the alleviation of the suffering of mankind."

NURSES RECOGNISED
Dr. William Blinn, of The Netherlands, an official of the World Health Organisation and a Far Eastern expert, stressed the important step that had been taken in inviting to the present Congress a delegate representing the international Nurses Council.

"This is of extreme importance to the Far East, where nurses are called upon to play a more important part in the treatment of patients than in Europe," he said.

The newly-formed Council will facilitate the travel of delegates to International Congresses. "The aim will be to hold a Congress concerned with any particular illness or series of illnesses in the area where such an illness is more rampant," he added.—*Reuter.*

Siam Losing Her Elephants

Bangkok, Apr. 6.—The elephant is vanishing in Siam. Fearing gradual extinction of the mammoth animal, the government is planning to restrict the export of live elephants from Siam. The maximum number shipped is to be limited to two at one time and only public zoos will receive permits. Since the end of the war about 60 elephants have left the country. Recent statistics showed 6,519 elephants in captivity in Siam. Five years ago they numbered 11,546.—*Associated Press.*

IZVESTIA ATTACKS FINLAND

Moscow, Apr. 6.—The Government organ, *Izvestia*, today accused Finland of violating the pact of friendship, collaboration and mutual assistance signed a year ago.

An anniversary comment by the *Izvestia* renewed a series of attacks on Finland by the Soviet organ. Attacks have been made periodically since the Finnish elections last year, in which the Communists lost ground.

The alleged treaty violations by Finland as listed in an *Izvestia* editorial included the resumption of illegal activity of disbanded pro-Fascist and militarist organisations, disguised as rifle and other societies, reduction of prison terms of war criminals and organisers of criminal war conspiracy and anti-Communist, anti-Soviet propaganda.

It said, "Political adventurers and members of disbanded pro-Fascist organisations are still dreaming of a return to hold the notorious, unpopular policy of dark adventures. They try to utilise the survival of distrust between Soviet and Finnish peoples. These sinister forces of Finnish reaction are trying to reactivate and find support among the Anglo-American warmongers—and their partisans in Finland's responsible quarters. They do not hesitate to betray Finland's national interests."

"The handwork of these dark forces and their dark labour is doomed to collapse. The democratic forces favouring peace and friendship with the Soviet Union will grow daily. There is a great understanding among the Finnish people that unqualified observance of the

Printers Strike

Washington, Apr. 6.—Washington was without newspapers today because of a surprise strike by some of the printing staffs. Radio stations altered their programmes to include more news bulletins.—*Reuter.*

NOTICE

Mr. E. C. Van Helden has today been appointed Manager of this Company and is authorised to sign all documents connected with our commercial business.

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48TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty Eighth Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held in the Jacobson Room of the Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 23rd April, 1949, at Noon, for the following purposes, namely, to consider the annual statement of accounts and the balance sheet, and the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, to elect Directors and Auditors in the place of those retiring, to declare a dividend and bonus, to appropriate the balance of Profit and Loss Account as recommended by the Directors, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE is also given that the Share Transfer Registers will be closed from 14th April, 1949 to 23rd April, 1949, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,

R. A. WICKERSON,
Managing Director.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1949.

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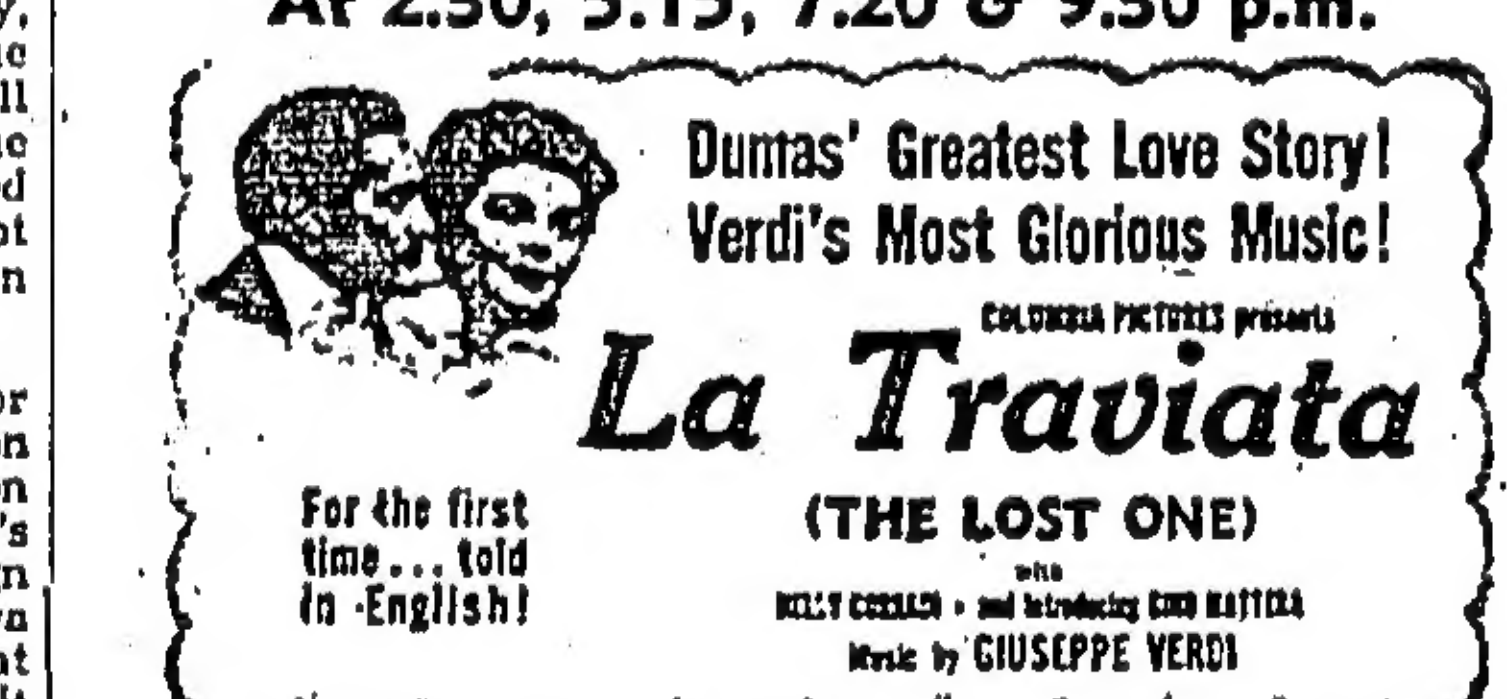


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